# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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INTERVENTION PROGRAMME ON CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has recently launched/proposes to launch a specific policy intervention programme for districts with chronic unemployment and industrial under development; and

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Various studies in the past have sought to identify industrially backward regions in thecountry. More recently,with a view to focus on district specific cases of industrial backwardness,inter-departmental meetings have been held and the relevant data available is being analysed tofinalise and implement concrete policy decisions to address purposively the causes of industrialbackwardness in various districts in a calibrated manner.

Central Government has been implementing various employment generation and poverty alleviationschemes/ programmes such as Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY); Swarnjayanti Gram SwarojgarYojana (SGSY); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY)and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP).

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA) was launched for securing the livelihood ofthe people in rural areas by guaranteeing 100 days of employment in a financial year to a ruralhousehold. It has been decided to cover all rural areas of the country under NREGA with effectfrom 01-04-2008.

Apart from the above mentioned schemes, the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) was launched inAugust, 2006 to cover 250 districts including 170 districts identified as backward by the Inter-Ministry Task Group on Redressing Growing Regional Imbalances.